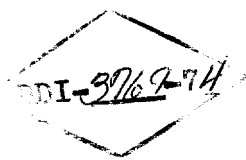


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Dr. Alfred Goldberg
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Dear Al:

Mr. Colby passed along your recent letter to him and asked me to respond. We both recognize the high interest of the Secretary of Defense in the history of the strategic arms competition that you are conducting and we will do what we can to support the effort. You may not be aware that on 26 November we provided [redacted] with some of the material requested in your letter to Mr. Colby. We will be glad to augment this material with any additional information we have.

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We can provide, for example, computer listings of estimated deployment and expenditures for the 1951-1972 period at the weapon system level. (Estimates for the 1945-1950 period are not available and we have no basis for generating them.) For a variety of reasons, however, our data at the weapon system level of disaggregation is not directly comparable to the Five Year Defense Program data.

Fortunately, we are now engaged in a major joint effort with DOD to achieve precisely the kind of data comparability that you are seeking for the history project. Secretary Schlesinger's requirement for detailed comparisons of current and projected Soviet and US expenditures stimulated this effort. It seems to me that it would be to our mutual benefit to insure that all DOD interests in the comparability problem be coordinated and taken into account without any needless duplication of effort. Since Andy Marshall is providing overall guidance for both the history project and the project already underway I suggest that you contact him on this matter.

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[redacted] in the Office of Strategic Research is the CIA officer with primary responsibility for our military expenditure estimates. You may contact him on [redacted] to work out details for obtaining any data we have available that will be helpful to you.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Ed

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